



First Annual

Quality of Life

Awards Program

*Celebrating Culture Change in
New Hampshire's Nursing Homes.*

April 11, 2007

*The Quality of Life Council cordially
invites you to attend the*

*First Annual Quality of Life
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Wednesday, April 11, 2007



*Grappone Conference Center
Courtyard by Marriott
70 Constitution Avenue
Concord, New Hampshire*

Program Agenda

9:30 am - 10:30 amRegistration
Exhibits and Continental Breakfast

10:30 am - 1:00 pmAwards Program
Welcome: Commissioner John A. Stephen
Keynote Speaker: William "Bill" Thomas, MD
Lunch
Presentation of Awards

1:30 pmQuality of Life Council Questions and Answers Panel
Topic: "How you can prepare for next year."

*Sign language interpretation and
Real Time Captioning (CART) will be provided.
CEU and Contact Hours will be available.*



Quality of Life Council

Eileen Bolander
Diana Booth
Ken Brooks
Susan Buxton
Robert Ehlers
Amy Girouard
Judith Griffin
Dan Klein
Diane Langley
Maryellen LaRoche
Louise Marquis
Mary Lou McGuinness
Meg Miller
Kathleen Miller

Susan Misiorski
Jo Moncher
Bob Montgomery
Lynn Naves
John Poirier
Susan Presby
Don Rabun
Pat Ramsey
Todd Ringelstein
Nancy Rollins
Susan Ruka
John Stephen
Philip Valley
Kate Waldo

Keynote Speaker

William “Bill” Thomas, MD

Dr. Bill Thomas is a visionary reformer and founder of the **Eden Alternative**, which champions turning nursing homes into vibrant centers of care and companionship. The **Eden Alternative** is built upon the principle that an elder-centered community must be committed to creating a human habitat where life revolves around contact with the living world and a sense of meaning and purpose.

To date, more than 300 nursing homes across the country have been “Edenized” with bright decor, gardens, pets, and on-site day care and playgrounds for children. Over the last 15 years, Eden communities have seen reduced employee turnover, patients experiencing lower infection rates and a lower mortality rate. Dr. Thomas has also pioneered the next phase in care for frail elders with the **Green House Project**, small community residences that meet all the quality standards of a highly regulated industry within a setting that feels like home.

Dr. Thomas has received recognition and numerous awards for his work, including the 1998 America’s Award for “Unsung Heroes,” The Giraffe Project’s “Sticking Your Neck Out Award,” and a ‘Distinguished Service in Aging Award’ from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. In addition, he was honored with the Heinz Award for the Human Condition and was chosen by **US News World Report Magazine** as one of *America’s best leaders*.

As America ages, Dr. Thomas, with contagious enthusiasm and vision, provides a timely prescription for the care of generations to come.



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Response Card

***Yes, I (my organization) will be attending the
Quality of Life Awards Program on April 11th.***

Name/Organization _____

Contact Person/Phone Number_____

_____ Number of Paid Guests (\$25 per person)

*Two of your Nursing Home Residents are invited to attend free of charge.
Please indicate if one or two will be attending. One _____ Two _____*

Please enclose a typed list of the names of all who will be attending.

***Please make out check to the NH Healthcare Association
and mail it in the enclosed envelope by March 16th.***

If you have any special dietary or access accommodation needs,
please call Jo Moncher at 271-4402 or email her at
jamoncher@dhhs.state.nh.us

Will you be attending the Quality of Life Council Q&A Panel? _____